

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus useful in association with at least one netphone and at least one computer, the apparatus comprising:
 - a telephony interface for coupling the at least one netphone to an external telephone system;
 - a network interface for coupling the at least one computer to an external computer network; and
 - a local area network for interconnecting the at least one netphone, the at least one computer, the telephony interface and the network interface.
2. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the network interface is wireless.
3. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the network interface is based on a dial-up modem protocol.
4. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the network interface is based on a cable modem protocol
5. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the network interface is based on an ISDN protocol.
6. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the network interface is based on an xDSL protocol.
7. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the network interface is based on an Ethernet protocol.
8. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the external computer network is an Internet.

9. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the external telephone system is a PSTN telephone system.
10. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the external telephone system is a PBX telephone system.
11. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the local area network is based on an Ethernet protocol.
12. The apparatus of claim 1 where the local area network is wireless.